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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON EC/EFTA RULES OF ORIGIN

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1. WASHINGTON PAPERS REFERRED TO IN REF (B) ARRIVED TODAY, BEING
DISTRIBUTED TO ALL PARTICIPANTS AND TO GATT SECRETARIAT. EC
COMMISSION (LUYTEN) SAYS EC COUNTRIES CANNOT BE IN POSITION TO
DISCUSS PAPER AT FEBRUARY 18 MEETING DUE NEED FOR MEMBER STATES
TO STUDY, COORDINATE VIEWS, AND THEN COORDINATE WITH EFTA COUNTRIES.
VAHLQUIST OF SWEDEN, WHO FOR MOMENT IS HANDLING COORDINATION FOR
EFTA SIDE, DID NOT RAISE ANY SUCH PROBLEM; WE HAVE AVOIDED
BRINGING IT UP WITH HIM.

2. WHETHER OR NOT EFTA COUNTRIES WILL PERCEIVE TIME PROBLEM
ON THEIR OWN, LUYTEN AND EC ARE LIKELY TO PREVAIL. TOO,
MTN/TNC ACTIVITY WILL OCCUPY MUCH ATTENTION IN INTERVENING
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WEEKS. WE TOLD LUYTEN U.S. IS STILL PREPARED GIVE ORAL

PRESENTATION ON OUR PAPERS AND WOULD WELCOME ANY INITIAL, INFORMAL REACTION FROM EC AND EFTA COUNTRIES AT FEBRUARY 18 SESSION.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY INDICATION OF WHETHER WASHINGTON STILL WISHES HOLD TO FEBRUARY 18 MEETING, WHICH HAS BEEN SCHEDULED BEGIN 10:00 A.M. IN EFTA BUILDING. BELIEVE AN ADVANCE SESSION WITH FRIENDLIES WOULD BE IMPORTANT IF FEBRUARY 18 DATE IS MAINTAINED. WOULD SUGGEST P.M. OF FEBRUARY 17 OR A.M. OF FEBRUARY 18, WITH R/O MEETING DELAYED TO P.M. PLEASE ADVISE. DALE

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